



# LABOR SITUATION

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July 2018 Data  
CT Unemployment Rate = 4.4%  
US Unemployment Rate = 3.9%

## Nonfarm jobs fall by 1,200 in July; unemployment rate unchanged at 4.4%

WETHERSFIELD, August 16, 2018 – Preliminary Connecticut nonfarm job estimates from the business payroll survey administered by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show the state lost 1,200 net jobs (-0.1%) in July 2018, to a level of 1,696,800, seasonally adjusted. Over the year, nonagricultural employment in the state grew by 16,600 jobs (1.0%). The June 2018 originally-released job gain of 6,100 was revised down by 800 to a gain of 5,300 over the month. The number of the state's unemployed residents was estimated at 82,800, seasonally adjusted, down 1,100 from June. As a result, Connecticut's July unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.4%, seasonally adjusted. Resident employment estimates include the self-employed and residents working out of state and are determined separately from the nonfarm payroll job estimates above.

"July's decline of 1,200 jobs does not materially affect the growth we have seen to date this year," said Andy Condon, Director of the Office of Research. "Our three-month average job growth remains strongly positive. On a percentage basis, construction and manufacturing remain the fastest growing sectors in the state's labor market."

### Nonfarm Jobs Detail (business establishment survey)

**Private sector employment** fell by 1,000 (-0.1%) to 1,469,000 jobs over the month in July, but grew by 20,400 (1.4%) seasonally-adjusted jobs over the year. The **government supersector** saw a small loss of 200 in July to a total of 227,800, with over-the-year losses at -3,800 or -1.6%. The **government supersector** includes all federal, state and local employment, including public higher education and Native American casino employment located on tribal land.

Four of the ten major industry *supersectors* gained employment in July, while six declined. The **leisure & hospitality supersector** led growing industries with 1,600 net new jobs (1.0%, 159,900 total jobs) in July. **Education & health services** (0.1%, 341,200) and **construction** (including mining) (0.7%, 62,000 jobs) were next, adding 400 new positions each. The **information supersector** contributed new 100 jobs (0.3%, 31,000) last month.

In addition to the **government supersector** mentioned above, the **trade, transportation & utilities supersector** lost 1,300 jobs (-0.4%, 298,000) in July, while **professional & business services** lost 900 positions (-0.4%, 221,800). **Other services** (-0.9%, 64,700) dropped 600 jobs and **financial activities** shed another 400 (-0.3%, 127,000). Finally, **manufacturing** saw a small loss of 300 jobs (-0.2%, 163,400).

Connecticut has now recovered **86.1%** (102,600 jobs) of the 119,100 seasonally adjusted jobs lost in the "Great Recession" (3/08-2/10). The job recovery is into its 101st month and the state needs an additional 16,500 net new jobs to reach an overall nonfarm employment expansion. The state's **private sector** has fully recovered from the recession and is at **109.7%** (122,500) of the private sector jobs lost in that same employment downturn.

**Connecticut Labor Market Areas (LMAs):** Only one of the six LMAs that are seasonally adjusted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics saw job increases in July 2018. The **New Haven LMA** posted 800 net new positions (0.3%, 286,000). The **Hartford LMA** led declines with a 1,300 job loss (-0.2%, 579,000). The **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk LMA** was next with a 300 job loss (-0.1%, 407,500). The **Waterbury LMA** registered a loss of 200, (-0.3%, 66,300), while the **Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI LMA** (-0.1%, 131,400) and the **Danbury LMA** (-0.1%, 79,200) saw small declines of 100 jobs each.

*Note: The six major Connecticut LMAs are estimated independently from the statewide data by the BLS and cover more than 90% of the nonfarm employment in the state. Thus, estimates will not fully sum to the statewide total.*

**Hours and Earnings:** The **private sector** workweek, not seasonally adjusted, averaged 34.2 hours in July 2018,

up three-tenths of an hour from the same month a year ago (0.9%). Average hourly earnings at \$31.87, not seasonally adjusted, were up \$0.79 (2.5%) from the July 2017 estimate (\$31.08). The resultant average **private sector** weekly pay amounted to \$1,089.95, up \$36.34 from a year ago (3.5%). The 12-month percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U, U.S. City Average, not seasonally adjusted) in July 2018 was 2.9%. Information for the manufacturing production workweek and earnings can be found in the table section of this release under the “Hours and Earnings” data category. *Current all-employee private sector hours and earnings estimates can be volatile due to fluctuating sample responses.*

### **Labor Force Data (residential household survey)**

The July 2018 unemployment rate for Connecticut is estimated at **4.4%** (seasonally adjusted), unchanged from June 2018 and down two-tenths of a percentage point from a year ago when it was 4.6%. The US jobless rate in July 2018 was 3.9%, down one-tenth of a point from June 2018.

Based on the Local Area Unemployment Statistics model (LAUS - a statistical model using the CPS – Current Population Survey residential data), the number of Connecticut unemployed residents, seasonally adjusted, was down 1,100 from June at 82,800 in July. Over the year, the number of the state’s jobless residents declined by 5,400 (-6.1%). The state’s labor force increased for the first time this year by 2,000 (0.1%) over the month, but is down over the year (-18,500, -1.0%).

July 2018 seasonally-adjusted average weekly initial unemployment claims for first-time filers in Connecticut grew by 234 claimants (7.3%) to 3,445 from June 2018, but were lower by 413 claims (-10.7%) from the July 2017 level of 3,858.

*The nonfarm employment estimate, derived from a survey of businesses, is a measure of jobs in the state; the unemployment rate and labor force estimates are based on a household survey, and measure the work status of people who live in Connecticut. Overall, as the national and state economies recover, volatility in monthly numbers can be expected. **Job and employment estimates are best understood in the context of their movement over several months rather than observed changes in a single month’s value.***

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# NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

## Jobs - by Place of Work

### CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	July 2018 P	June 2018 R	May 2018	April 2018	July 2017	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>1,696,800</b>	<b>1,698,000</b>	<b>1,692,700</b>	<b>1,686,600</b>	<b>1,680,200</b>	<b>-1,200</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>16,600</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>1,469,000</b>	<b>1,470,000</b>	<b>1,463,100</b>	<b>1,456,500</b>	<b>1,448,600</b>	<b>-1,000</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>20,400</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>									
Mining	600	600	600	500	600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Construction	61,400	61,000	59,500	59,200	58,200	400	0.7%	3,200	5.5%
Manufacturing	163,400	163,700	163,100	162,800	159,200	-300	-0.2%	4,200	2.6%
Durable Goods	128,400	128,600	128,200	128,000	124,600	-200	-0.2%	3,800	3.0%
Nondurable Goods	35,000	35,100	34,900	34,800	34,600	-100	-0.3%	400	1.2%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>									
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	298,000	299,300	299,600	297,600	297,400	-1,300	-0.4%	600	0.2%
Wholesale	63,100	62,900	62,800	62,600	62,500	200	0.3%	600	1.0%
Retail	182,400	183,000	183,500	181,900	183,700	-600	-0.3%	-1,300	-0.7%
Transp, Warehousing & Utilities	52,500	53,400	53,300	53,100	51,200	-900	-1.7%	1,300	2.5%
Information	31,000	30,900	30,700	30,600	31,400	100	0.3%	-400	-1.3%
Financial Activities	127,000	127,400	127,500	127,600	128,000	-400	-0.3%	-1,000	-0.8%
Finance & Insurance	106,900	107,300	107,400	107,500	108,100	-400	-0.4%	-1,200	-1.1%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	20,100	20,100	20,100	20,100	19,900	0	0.0%	200	1.0%
Professional & Business Services	221,800	222,700	221,200	220,500	218,100	-900	-0.4%	3,700	1.7%
Prof, Scientific & Tech Services	98,000	98,100	98,000	97,100	96,500	-100	-0.1%	1,500	1.6%
Management of Companies	31,300	31,500	31,600	31,600	32,000	-200	-0.6%	-700	-2.2%
Admn & Support & Waste Mgt Serv	92,500	93,100	91,600	91,800	89,600	-600	-0.6%	2,900	3.2%
Educational & Health Services	341,200	340,800	339,200	338,800	333,500	400	0.1%	7,700	2.3%
Educational Services	66,800	67,000	65,900	65,800	65,000	-200	-0.3%	1,800	2.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	274,400	273,800	273,300	273,000	268,500	600	0.2%	5,900	2.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	159,900	158,300	156,100	154,500	157,000	1,600	1.0%	2,900	1.8%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27,300	27,400	26,900	25,900	28,000	-100	-0.4%	-700	-2.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	132,600	130,900	129,200	128,600	129,000	1,700	1.3%	3,600	2.8%
Other Services	64,700	65,300	65,600	64,400	65,200	-600	-0.9%	-500	-0.8%
Government**	227,800	228,000	229,600	230,100	231,600	-200	-0.1%	-3,800	-1.6%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>149,128,000</b>	<b>148,971,000</b>	<b>148,723,000</b>	<b>148,455,000</b>	<b>146,728,000</b>	<b>157,000</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>2,400,000</b>	<b>1.6%</b>

### LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMA)

Labor Market Area employment estimates are made independently of Statewide estimates.

Seasonally Adjusted data	July 2018 P	June 2018 R	May 2018	April 2018	July 2017	Over Month Change	Over Month Rate	Over Year Change	Over Year Rate
<b>Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk</b>	407,500	407,800	405,600	406,200	407,000	-300	-0.1%	500	0.1%
<b>Danbury</b>	79,200	79,300	79,200	78,900	78,200	-100	-0.1%	1,000	1.3%
<b>Hartford</b>	579,000	580,300	577,100	575,700	570,800	-1,300	-0.2%	8,200	1.4%
<b>New Haven</b>	286,000	285,200	285,700	285,300	285,100	800	0.3%	900	0.3%
<b>Norwich-New London-Westerly, RI</b>	131,400	131,500	131,000	130,900	130,000	-100	-0.1%	1,400	1.1%
<b>Waterbury</b>	66,300	66,500	66,500	66,300	67,000	-200	-0.3%	-700	-1.0%
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted data (Non-Classified Areas, State estimated not BLS)</i>									
<b>Enfield</b>	44,900	45,300	45,400	45,600	44,600	-400	-0.9%	300	0.7%
<b>Torrington-Northwest</b>	33,600	33,500	32,900	31,900	33,400	100	0.3%	200	0.6%
<b>Danielson-Northeast</b>	26,800	27,200	27,100	27,000	27,000	-400	-1.5%	-200	-0.7%

\* Less than 0.05% \*\* Includes Native American tribal government employment

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Starting with March, 2011, our monthly statewide and major LMA nonfarm job estimates have been taken over by the US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is the final phase of transition in this program, which began in 2008. As a result of changes in the estimation procedures, you are likely to see more variability in month-to-month estimates of job counts. Caution should be used in interpreting any single month's estimate. The data are best interpreted to identify trends and cycles over several months and quarters. If you have any questions about these changes, please email us at: [dol.lmi@ct.gov](mailto:dol.lmi@ct.gov). Danbury and Waterbury LMA's are now back to being seasonally adjusted.

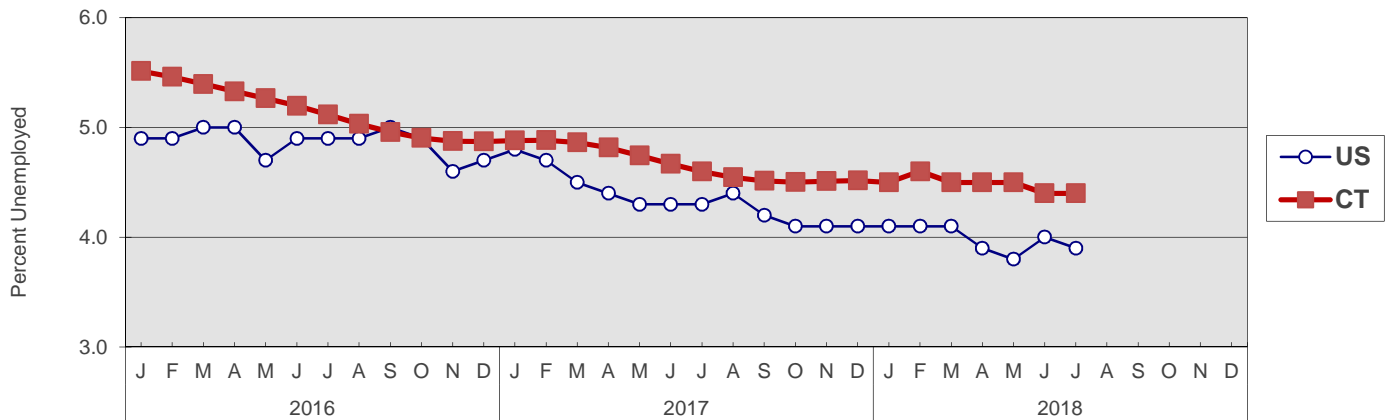
# UNEMPLOYMENT

## Persons Unemployed - by Place of Residence

### CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES - Seasonally Adjusted

	July 2018 P		July 2017 R		Change		June 2018 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>								
Unemployed	82,800	4.4	88,200	4.6	-5,400	-0.2	83,900	4.4
Labor Force	1,898,500		1,917,000		-18,500		1,896,500	
<b>UNITED STATES</b>								
Unemployed	6,280,000	3.9	6,956,000	4.3	-676,000	-0.4	6,564,000	4.0
Labor Force	162,245,000		160,467,000		1,778,000		162,140,000	

### U.S. AND CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - Seasonally Adjusted 2016 - 2018



### LABOR MARKET AREAS - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	July 2018 P		July 2017 R		Change		June 2018 R	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Points	Number	Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford								
Danbury								
Danielson-Northeast*								
Worcester NECTA								
Hampton								
Enfield								
Hartford								
New Haven								
Norwich-New London								
Torrington-Northwest**								
Torrington NECTA								
Litchfield								
Waterbury								
CONNECTICUT	86,600	4.5	95,000	4.9	-8,400	-0.4	86,300	4.5
UNITED STATES	6,730,000	4.1	7,441,000	4.6	-711,000	-0.5	6,812,000	4.2

Release of the July 2018 sub-state labor force data is restricted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics until Friday, August 17, 2018. An updated *Connecticut Labor Situation* with these data will be available on our website at that time at: <http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/laborsit.pdf>.

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Labor force data included in this publication are developed in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

\* Worcester NECTA, CT part and Hampton LMA are combined \*\* Torrington Metropolitan NECTA and Litchfield LMA are combined

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## HOURS AND EARNINGS

### CONNECTICUT Statewide - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Average Weekly Earnings				Average Weekly Hours				Average Hourly Earnings			
	July 2018 P	July 2017	Change over Yr.	June 2018 R	July 2018 P	July 2017	Change over Yr.	June 2018 R	July 2018 P	July 2017	Change over Yr.	June 2018 R
<b>Private Industry All Employees</b>	\$1,089.95	\$1,053.61	\$36.34	\$1,061.66	34.2	33.9	0.3	33.8	\$31.87	\$31.08	\$0.79	\$31.41
<b>Manufacturing*</b>												
<b>Production Workers</b>	\$1,030.02	\$1,073.28	-\$43.26	\$1,032.86	40.6	41.6	-1.0	40.6	\$25.37	\$25.80	-\$0.43	\$25.44

\* Production worker data have been impacted by the loss of a large, high-paying manufacturer from the monthly sample.

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Hours and earnings are also developed for the state's major industry sectors and Labor Market Areas. They can be found on our website at: [www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi](http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi).

# TRENDS

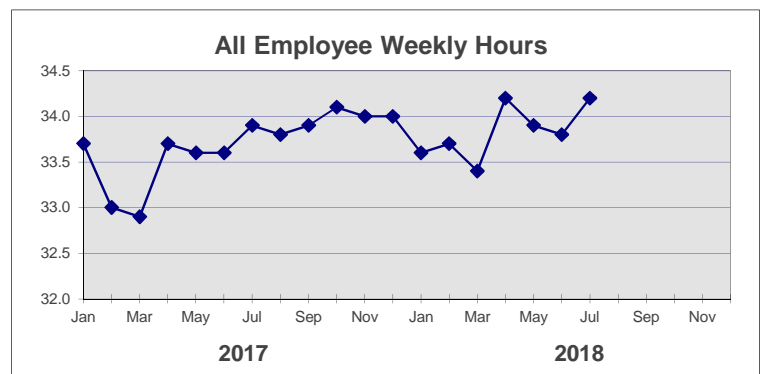
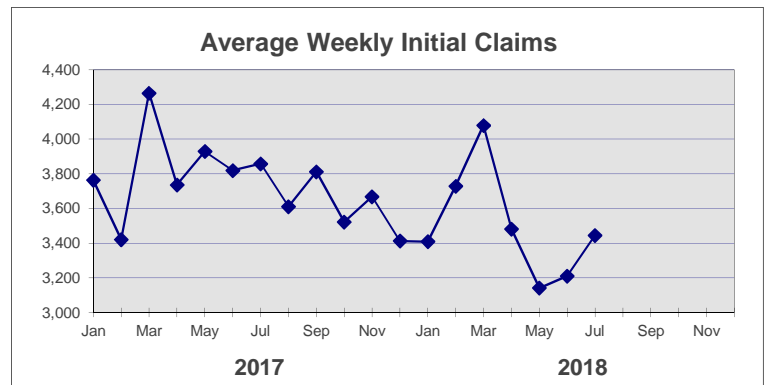
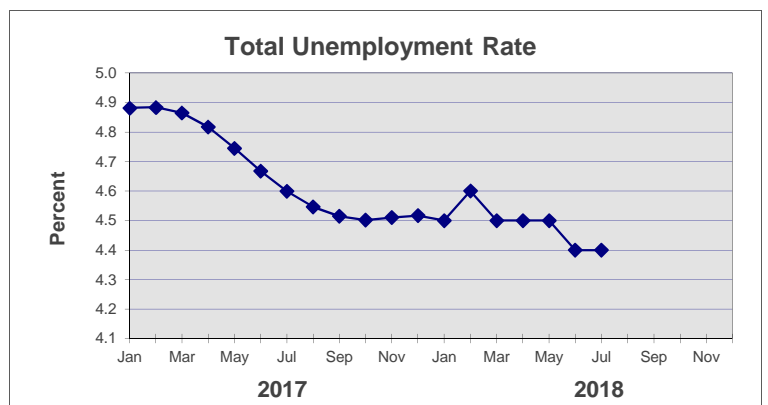
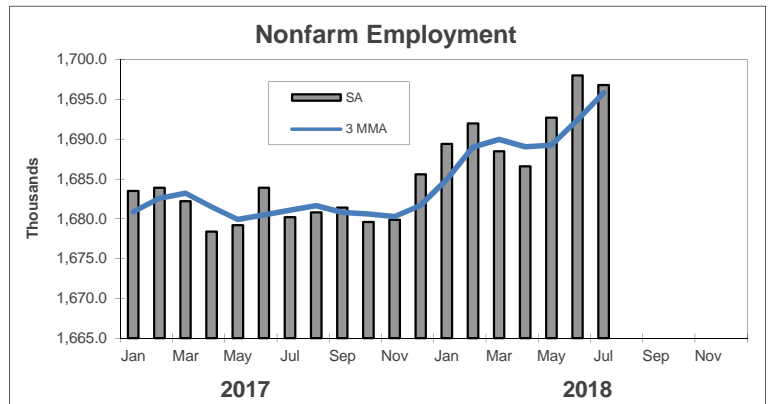
## Seasonally Adjusted

	Nonfarm Employment (000s)	Total Unemployment Rate
<b>2017</b>		
Jan	1,683.5	4.9
Feb	1,683.9	4.9
Mar	1,682.2	4.9
Apr	1,678.4	4.8
May	1,679.2	4.7
Jun	1,683.9	4.7
Jul	1,680.2	4.6
Aug	1,680.8	4.5
Sep	1,681.4	4.5
Oct	1,679.6	4.5
Nov	1,679.9	4.5
Dec	1,685.6	4.5

<b>2018</b>		
Jan	1,689.4	4.5
Feb	1,692.0	4.6
Mar	1,688.5	4.5
Apr	1,686.6	4.5
May	1,692.7	4.5
Jun	1,698.0 R	4.4 R
Jul	1,696.8 P	4.4 P
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		

	Avg Weekly Initial Claims	All Employee Weekly Hours*
<b>2017</b>		
Jan	3,763	33.7
Feb	3,421	33.0
Mar	4,266	32.9
Apr	3,736	33.7
May	3,929	33.6
Jun	3,820	33.6
Jul	3,858	33.9
Aug	3,611	33.8
Sep	3,812	33.9
Oct	3,523	34.1
Nov	3,668	34.0
Dec	3,413	34.0

<b>2018</b>		
Jan	3,409	33.6
Feb	3,729	33.7
Mar	4,080	33.4
Apr	3,481	34.2
May	3,142	33.9
Jun	3,211	33.8 R
Jul	3,445	34.2 P
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		



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\*\* Labor-management dispute